

REMARKS

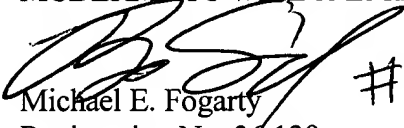
The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 5 is acknowledged and appreciated. In order to expedite issuance of the present application, claims 3 and 5 have been rewritten into independent form and claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter embodied thereby. Accordingly, only allowable claims 3, 5 and 6 are pending so that the application is now in immediate condition for allowance.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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